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Amendments to the Specification

Please **replace** the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 11 with the following **amended** paragraph:

signal that was processed using multiple subbands and overlapping window functions into which the signals in the sub- bands are partitioned,
wherein the resulting sample blocks were in each case transformed into corresponding blocks of spectral domain coefficients and are coded using data reduction,
and wherein different window forms were used and the information about the window forms used was transmitted, recorded or stored in the side information for the coded coefficients,
and wherein in the encoding following the decision to process, during a given time period, in a first group of subbands the subband signals at least in part with a given sequence of window forms different from the corresponding sequence of window forms used to process the subband signals in a second group of subbands, additional information about such mixing of window forms was transmitted, recorded or stored in said side information, includes:
- means for decoding said side information of the received, replayed or read-out signal,
- means for performing data reduction decoding of the received, replayed or read-out code using said decoded side information, and for inverse transforming in each case said blocks of spectral domain coefficients into corresponding sample blocks, and for assembling said inverse transformed sample blocks using said overlapping window functions and for assembling said multiple subband signals into the decoded audio signal,
wherein in said encoding, following such decision to process in a first group of subbands the subband signals at least in part with a given sequence of window forms different from the corresponding sequence of window forms used to process the subband signals in a second group of subbands, in said side information information about the window forms used in said given sequence was not

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transmitted, recorded or stored but instead information about further subband
signal window

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